

Substitute for form 1449/PTO, based on PTO/SB/08A and 08B

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

Application Number	10/596,341
Filing Date	June 9, 2006
First Named Inventor	Gamada
Art Unit	3772
Examiner Name	Lewis, Kim M
Attorney Docket Number	135-03

Confirmation No. 5446

GWS 6/19/2007

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number (US-)	Publication Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	Name	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear (or entire document unless noted otherwise)
	1	7,060,045	06/13/2006	Mason et al.	
	2	7,059,329	06/13/2006	Mason et al.	
	3	7,044,925	05/16/2006	Castillo et al.	
	4	6,981,957	01/03/2006	Knecht et al.	
	5	6,936,019	08/30/2005	Mason	
	6	6,875,187	04/05/2005	Castillo	
	7	6,719,713	04/13/2004	Mason	
	8	6,635,024	10/21/2003	Hatton et al.	
	9	6,551,264	04/22/2003	Cawley et al.	
	10	6,540,709	04/01/2003	Smits	
	11	6,540,709	04/01/2003	Mansoeizer	
	12	6,500,139	12/13/2002	Townsend et al.	
	13	6,413,232	07/02/2002	Townsend et al.	
	14	5,827,208	10/27/1998	Mason et al.	
	15	5,807,294	09/15/1998	Cawley et al.	
	16	5,797,864	08/25/1998	Taylor	
	17	5,792,086	08/11/1998	Bleau et al.	
	18	5,772,618	06/30/1998	Mason et al.	
	19	5,766,140	06/16/1998	Tillinghast, III et al.	
	20	5,743,865	04/28/1998	Townsend	
	21	5,693,007	12/02/1997	Townsend	
	22	5,672,152	09/30/1997	Mason et al.	
	23	5,611,774	03/18/1997	Postelmans	
	24	5,527,268	06/18/1996	Gildersleeve et al.	
	25	5,509,894	04/03/1996	Mason et al.	
	26	5,458,565	10/17/1995	Tillinghast, III et al.	
	27	5,456,659	10/10/1995	Gildersleeve et al.	
	28	5,409,449	04/25/1995	Nebolon	
	29	5,383,845	01/24/1995	Nebolon	
	30	5,330,418	07/19/1994	Townsend et al.	
	31	5,316,547	05/31/1994	Gildersleeve	
	32	5,303,716	04/19/1994	Mason et al.	
	33	5,292,303	03/08/1994	Bastyr et al.	
	34	5,288,287	02/22/1994	Castillo et al.	
	35	5,277,698	01/11/1994	Taylor	
	36	5,259,832	11/09/1993	Townsend et al.	
	37	5,230,697	07/27/1993	Castillo et al.	
	38	5,135,469	08/04/1992	Castillo	
	39	5,107,824	12/15/1992	Schmidt	

Examiner Signature	Date Considered
--------------------	-----------------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional).

²Applicant is to place a check mark here or "x" if English language Translation is attached.

Sheet 2 of 2

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT	Application Number	10/596,341
	Filing Date	June 9, 2006
	First Named Inventor	Gamada
	Art Unit	3772
	Examiner Name	Lewis, Kim M
	Attorney Docket Number	135-03

Confirmation No. 5446

GWS 6/19/2007

	40	4,940,044	07/10/1990	Castillo	
	41	4,890,607	01/02/1990	Townsend	
	42	4,886,054	12/12/1989	Castillo et al.	
	43	4,856,501	08/15/1989	Castillo et al.	
	44	4,796,610	01/10/1989	Cromartie	
	45	4,751,920	06/21/1988	Mauldin et al.	
	46	4,726,362	02/23/1988	Nelson	
	47	4,723,539	02/09/1988	Townsend	
	48	4,637,382	01/20/1987	Walker	
	49	4,554,913	11/26/1985	Womack et al.	
	50	4,542,900	09/24/1985	Ray	
	51	4,520,802	06/04/1985	Mercer et al.	
	52	4,503,846	03/12/1985	Martin	
	53	4,493,316	01/15/1985	Reed et al.	
	54	2004/0054311	03/18/2004	Sterling	
	55	2004/0002674	01/01/2004	Sterling	
	56	2003/0149386	08/07/2003	Ceriani et al.	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document Number (include WIPO country code)	Publication Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	Name	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear (or entire document unless noted otherwise)	T ²
	57	WO 91/18565	12/12/1991	France et al.		
	58	WO 98/38964	09/11/1998	Doyle		

NON-PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial*	Cite No. ¹	REFERENCE Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T ²
	59	Knee Pain Info .com, "Supportive Devices," http://kneepaininfo.com/oaDevices.html , Downloaded October 4, 2004	
	60	Townsend Design, "Osteoarthritis Bracing Solutions," http://www.townsenddesign.com/perspectives ,Downloaded October 4, 2004	

Examiner Signature	Date Considered
--------------------	-----------------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional).

²Applicant is to place a check mark here or "x" if English language Translation is attached.